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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/Reports

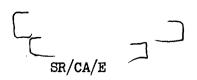
SUBJECT : Metropolitan Josif SLIPYY

SOURCE : AECASSOWARY/2 from Professor Mykola CHUBATY,

an American Professor of History of Ukrainian Extraction

1. Professor CHUBATY told A/2 that he recently visited with Subject in Rome and learned the following:

- a. Subject had no advance indication that he would be going to Rome. He was brought to Moscow and told that the late Pope John had ordered him to come to Rome and that he was free to go. He was told he could communicate with his people before his departure to tell them he would be leaving. (Note: How he managed to communicate was not explained, but it is assumed that he did because in letters received by emigres from relatives in the Soviet Union mention was made that a delegation of Ukrainians came to see Subject off at the airport in Moscow.)
- b. Subject told the source that in 1953, Beria granted amnesty to all clerics who were then in prison. He was brought to a hotel in Moscow at that time and told he was free to go wherever he wanted. He spent about three days in Moscow and before he got ready to depart for Lvov, the amnesty was rescinded and he was sent back to prison.



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